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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on Oct. 8, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment is non-compliant with 37 CFR 1.121 since some of the status identifiers are improper. In claim 1, the status identifier should be (currently amended) and not (once amended) as indicated by the applicant. In claims 7-20, the status identifier should be (new) and not (newly added) as indicated by the applicant. Also, the applicant submitted a substitute specification that included markings showing changes made to the specification. However, the applicant failed to include a clean copy of the substitute specification and a statement indicating that no new matter has been added to the substitute specification. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian K. Green whose telephone number is (703) 308-1011. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7am-3:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on (703) 308-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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